OLD ENGLAND.

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To ARGUS CENTOCULI, *Inſpector-General*, &c.

SIR,

THAT great Phyſician *Radcliffe*, famous alike for his Skill and his Sarcaſms, is reported once to have ſaid, that "he knew not what was good for an old Woman, nor what an old Woman was good for." But we have ſeen an old Woman in the preſent Age, one who was not very young when *Radcliffe* flouriſhed, who may be proved to have been good for a great deal while ſhe lived, and whoſe Death was a real Loſs to the virtuous Part of the Community. It is almoſt needleſs here to direct your Reader's Thoughts to venerable *Atoſſa*, the Relict of the *Britiſh* Hero: They will eaſily diſcover, by what follows, that ſhe alone could be the *old old Woman* I mean.

It is proper, however, to premiſe by Way of Memorandum, that this *Atoſſa* was not only *well ſtricken in Years*, but that ſhe was alſo exceeding *rich*, beyond all the old Women of her Time. If her Age, her Gravity, her Rank, and her good Senſe, gave her a ſort of perſonal Authority; her Wealth gave her a more ſure and ſubſtantial Influence, which muſt have prevail'd if ſhe had been poſſeſſed of none of the other perſonal Qualities. It created her a great Number of Dependents, who bore all the Singularities of her Humour, and ſeconded all her Paſſions, for the Sake of the Expectations they had from her laſt Moments.

There was indeed one generous Youth, the noble Don *Carlos*, who, though his Expectations were more natural than thoſe of any other Perſon, had not the Command of himſelf to make his Intereſt ſo conſiderable as that of many Strangers. When the old Woman was certain and poſitive, *Carlos* was various and extravagant. He chang'd his Party out of Pique, and becauſe he would not have Opinions impoſed on him, not becauſe he had really changed his Principles: For as to Principles, in the midſt of a pleaſureable Courſe of Life, and at the Age we are ſpeaking of, it may ſeem doubtful whether he had formed to himſelf any. He was the only Man, within the Reach of *Atoſſa*'s Influence, upon whom it may be ſaid ſhe brought no good while ſhe lived.

With reſpect to the reſt, though they had no more Principles of their own than Don *Carlos*, they had the Addreſs to counterfeit ſuch as they knew would be agreeable to the old Woman, and to keep up the Profeſſion of them, with great Appearance of Zeal, as long as ſhe was a Witneſs of their Conduct. The whole Nation therefore derived ſo much good from venerable *Atoſſa*, that if real Patriots were wanting to defend her Rights, ſhe had for many Years a ſtanding Set of pretended Patriots, who ſpoke and acted as if the Cauſe of their Country did really affect them. We owe perhaps two or three Volumes of the Debates, containing ſome of the keeneſt Speeches in that whole Collection, to this very Motive. From this Quiver may Shafts at any Time be taken, to point againſt the Corruption and evil Deeds of Miniſters.

If we go further back, we ſhall find that *Atoſſa*, by the Teſtimony of her own Chronicle, had ſo much Influence in her early Days, when ſhe was both young and beautiful, as to govern the preſumptive Heir of the Crown, and cauſe an irreparable Breach in the Royal Family upon a Point of Honour that regarded herſelf: And if we proceed to her middle Age, it is doubtful, at leaſt, from the ſame Chronicle, whether we ought not to aſcribe it to her that a *Whig* Adminiſtration prevail'd, and that the *French* were beat in the firſt Years of the Reign of her Royal Miſtreſs. Thus ſhe ſeem'd to be formed for Dominion in all the Stages of her Life. But the Triumphs of her old Age are ſufficient for our Purpoſe, and on them only ſhall we enlarge.

Among thoſe who continued ſtedfaſt in their Conduct during her Life, and afterwards became Converts to that very Policy they had oppoſed, there is one we muſt diſtinguiſh with Honour. His Converſion, or (if it be thought more proper) his Perverſion, was neither eaſy nor ſudden: And his Perſeverance in the new Syſtem was ſo very ſhort, and filled up with a Series of Actions ſo very different in Colour from thoſe of his Aſſociates, that they ought by no Means to be placed together, unleſs it be neceſſary to ſet off a ſingle Character, ſufficiently bright in itſelf, with a Multitude of Foils. It would be ſuperfluous to give a farther Deſcription of the Man, who, ſince his Recovery, has been burthened with all the Panegyrick that has appear'd; becauſe the Wits of the Age have not been able to find any other Perſon, equally high and conſpicuous, that ſeemed to them entitled to a Tibute from the Muſes.—Yet he was a Legatee of our honourable old Woman's, and did not try a Diverſity of Opinions till after her Deceaſe.

Bronze, the 'Squire, not the Knight, of the unembarraſs'd Countenance, though his Name ſtood in the ſame Teſtament with the Name of a better Man, ſhall not here be recorded with him in the ſame Characters. The Death of his old Patroneſs left him at full Liberty, and that Liberty led him only to chuſe what was moſt profitable. While a ſolemn Act of the Senate was paſſing, to enable him to hold a lucrative Place without the Duty of it, another Place more lucrative became vacant, and tempted with more prevailing Charms. He who had not been aſhamed to raiſe a Party to menace his So———n, and extort the firſt Nomination, was not diſconcerted with the Thought of giving needleſs Trouble to a L———re, but modeſtly inſiſted upon the beſt, now there was a Choice of two Promotions. He carried this Point by the ſame happy Talents that he had before carried the former, and became lawfully entitled to the Spoils of War without the Hazard of it. It muſt be acknowledged he hath ſince been as ſteady in his Conduct as he was before; and there is only this Variety in his whole Hiſtory, that one Part of it is an exact Contraſt to the other. Could the Shade of venerable *Atoſſa*, who rewarded his firſt Uniformity to encourage him to continue it to the End, now lift up her Head, and ſurvey the ſecond Book of *Bronze*'s Hiſtory, how muſt ſhe bluſh at her own want of Diſcernment! how muſt ſhe rage at her Diſappointment! yet it is to her we are ſtill indebted that *Bronze* was once a Patriot, and that we have the Arguments of a Country Gentleman to oppoſe againſt the Actions of a M——r of the ſame Name.

It cannot perhaps be affirmed that the Number of other Converſions, which happened about the ſame Time with thoſe already mentioned, were owing to the Extinction of all Hope in the Favour of our good old Woman's Countenance: But if we conſider the Circumſtances of them, how the Parties were linked together, and how they who did not receive ſtep'd a little before thoſe who did into the Sunſhine of the C—t, it will be much more difficult to affirm that no ſuch Hopes, or Expectations did ever exiſt. If it were only the Force of Friendſhip and Example that kept them long in the ſame Track with the known Expectants, yet ſtill we are obliged to the venerable Dame who held up any Reward at all as the Prize of Virtue.

Selim, one of theſe Converts from Motives not fully known, hath ſince proved himſelf ſo great a Maſter in the Art of Reaſoning, that it is hoped he will at once defend the Syſtem he is engaged in, and his own Conduct, by demonſtrating the Truth of the fraternal Policy from *his own Converſion* to it. This will be a moſt ingenious Way of refuting Gain-ſayers, and of white-waſhing himſelf and his well-beloved Kinſmen the Brethren of *Bucks*.

But there is not any one of all this new c—tly Alliance, who has made ſuch a Figure as Don *Juan de Protubero*. If his own natural Pretenſions to the Favour of *Atoſſa* were not ſo ſtrong as thoſe of Don *Carlos*, he might have Hopes from the Memory of a favourite Grand-daughter, who had once beſtowed on him all her own Intereſt. To ſay that Don *Juan* was above all Neceſſity, and had almoſt as much in his Power to beſtow as *Atoſſa* herſelf, is proving nothing at all in this Caſe. For the ſame Spirit that could deny Principles formerly eſpouſed, for the ſake of a ſmall Addition to his Revenue during Pleaſure, would doubtleſs have perſevered in the ſame, or any other Principles, to have obtained a larger Addition, in full and perpetual Property to him and his. May we not believe, therefore, that Don *Juan* was one of thoſe who wore the Mark of Patriotiſm to oblige *Atoſſa*, and is a freſh Inſtance of the Good that *Atoſſa* did while ſhe lived?

When the Party of a Captain is known, it is not difficult to gueſs that of the Company he commands. For this Reaſon I ſkip over *Sanvicos*, *Gore'em*, *Tear'em*, and the reſt of the Train that follow Don *Juan*; taking it for granted, that if his Patriotiſm was once owing to *Atoſſa*'s Influence, ſo was theirs; and that if his Apoſtacy ſprung from Deſpair of turning Virtue to preſent Advantage, ſo did theirs. Thoſe who have no private Dependencies, if they have but a Conſcience to ſacrifice, and Rank or Intereſt to give Value to the Offering, are ſeldom diſappointed in their public Expectations. It has been obſerv'd in general of theſe Gentlemen, that ſince the Death of the extraordinary old Woman, who kept them to their Duty, they have all behaved like old Women themſelves; but like old Women of the common Sort, and not like *Atoſſa*.

If Self-conceit, Peeviſhneſs, and Avarice, are three Ingredients that uſually enter into the Anile Character, there are not wanting thoſe who pretend they can diſcover them all in Don *Juan*. His Self-conceit, ſay they, has appear'd in the Choice of Employments for which Nobody but himſelf ever thought him qualify'd, in the high Value he ſets on his own Intereſt, and his bold Undertaking to convince his S——n that the Value of Ten Thouſand Freemen were all at his Diſpoſal: His Peeviſhneſs, in his mean and paſſionate Reſentment where he meets with the leaſt Oppoſition, which he is always pleaſed to conſider as an Af-

front, without giving the leaſt Allowance to another Man's Right of judging for himſelf; and for this they inſtance in the ſudden Warning of a good Tenant, and the Diſcharge of a much better Man from his Service, becauſe he differed in ſome Reſpects with his favourite B——r. And as to his *Avarice*, it is needleſs, ſay theſe Perſons, to give particular Inſtances of it, ſince Enquiry may be made of all thoſe who have had Occaſion to try his Generoſity.

For my Part, Mr. *Centoculi*, without regarding theſe particular Charges, which, for ought I know, may be Calumnies, I think I can ſee enough in the public Conduct of ſome Men for theſe ſix Years laſt paſt, to be convinced of the Truth of what I have endeavoured to inculcate, *viz.* That our Patriotiſm has wanted the Guardianſhip of an old Woman ever ſince the Death of *Atoſſa*; that *Atoſſa* was therefore good for ſomething, and ſo may any other old Woman be who has all her Qualifications; and that it would be happy for *Britain*, where even the Appearance of Virtue, in certain Places, is almoſt proſcribed, if another *M——b* Eſtate were in the Hands of an antient Dowager, who ſhould live long to enjoy it, and all the Time profeſs, that her final Diſpoſition of it ſhould be with a particular Reſpect to Virtue.

I am, &c.

PHILOGRAUS.

LONDON.

Monday, a Court of Huſtings was held at Guildhall for the Election of City Officers for the Year enſuing, when William Alexander, Eſq; Citizen and Tallow Chandler, and John Wallenger, Eſq; Citizen and Painter-ſtainer, were elected Sheriffs; Sir John Boſworth, Knt. re elected Chamberlain; and Mr. Daniel French and Mr. Thomas Hyde, Aleconners, in the room of Mr. Edward Knowles and Mr. Benjamin Betts, both deceaſed.

Thurſday at Noon, their Royal Highneſſes the Prince and Princeſs of Wales, attended by the Counteſs of Middleſex, and ſeveral other Perſons of Diſtinction, paſs'd thro' the City to Spital Fields, to ſee ſome curious Silks making on the Looms for next Winter; and afterwards drove to Mr. Carr's on Ludgate-Hill, where they continued ſome Time, and were pleaſed to expreſs the higheſt Satisfaction at the Improvement of the Britiſh Manufactory.

We have an Account from Bath, of an unparrelled Act of Boldneſs in a Man belonging to the Gunpowder Works near that City. On Friday the 16th Inſtant, at 7 in the Morning, the Stove-keeper going into the Stove, where ſixty Barrels of Powder were drying, he ſpied three of the Rafters were on Fire, which made him retreat as faſt as poſſible, and acquainted the Maſter of the Works with the Danger; upon which he, his Family, and all the Workmen removed as quick as they could, not being able to do any Thing to prevent the Blaſt, and ſave the Works. At a Diſtance they expected the fatal Blaſt every Moment, till One o'Clock the next Morning, when one of the Workmen, without ſaying a Word to any Body, took a Ladder on his Shoulder, a Bucket of Water, and ſome Saltpetre Bags, and went into the Stove, where he ſhut himſelf in, and finding the Rafters ſtill burning, he aſcended the Ladder, and with the wet Bags extinguiſhed the Fire, which had reached then within three Feet of the Powder.

Laſt Week one Hannah Snell, born at Worceſter, who was ſeven Years in a Marine Regiment by the Name of James Gray, went to the Eaſt Indies in Admiral Boſcawen's Squadron, and was at the Siege of Pondicherry, preſented a Petition to his Royal Highneſs the Duke of Cumberland, praying ſome Proviſion might be made for her now ſhe is diſcharged the Service. His Royal Highneſs referred her Petition to General Fraſer, to report it to him, and make her a ſuitable Proviſion according to her Merit. It ſeems her Sweetheart being impreſſed into the Marine Service, ſhe put on Men's Cloaths, and entered in the ſame Regiment, went to the Eaſt Indies in the ſame Ship with him, and was his Meſſmate while he lived (he dying in the Voyage) and was a Servant to one of the Lieutenants. She behaved with great Intrepidity as a Sailor and Soldier, and her Sex was never diſcovered by either her Sweetheart, or any of her Comrades, till ſhe made the Diſcovery herſelf by the above mentioned Petition. His Royal Highneſs has been pleaſed to order her to be put upon the King's Liſt, by which ſhe obtains a Penſion of 30 l. a Year for her Life. What is remarkable in this Heroine, is, that at the Battle of Pondicherry ſhe received twelve Wounds, ſix in her Right Leg, five in her Left, and the other in her Groin, from the laſt of which ſhe extracted the Ball, and herſelf performed the Cure, in order to prevent her Sex being diſcovered.

Laſt Saturday a young Woman went to take Leave of her Father, a confined Debtor, in the Marſhalſea Priſon, ſhe being to ſet out next Morning for a Place in the Country, but was ſo affected by the deplorable Situation of her poor diſtreſſed Parent, that ſhe died within a few Hours after ſhe left him.

On Monday laſt, three Perſons arrived in Town, in Cuſtody of one of his Majeſty's Meſſengers, from Staffordſhire, on account of ſome ſeditious Practices there.

The Dragon, one of Admiral Spinola's Squadron, arrived at Cadiz in 54 Days from Martinico, has on board, among many other Valuables,

A Sacramental Chalice, with 283 Emeralds.
A ſmall Cheſt full of Emeralds, and Jewels in Gold.
Several Jewels in Gold, with 140 Emeralds.
Two Almond Pearls.
A Regal Crown, and
A Silver Chalice.

For the King,

A Silver Trunk, containing two Pear Pearls, one of 35 ½ Carrats, the other 34 ¾ Carrats.

The Gold and Silver Coin on board this Fleet amounts to,

On the King's Account, ——	840297	Dollars.
For the Holy Cruzado, —	50000	
For the Holy Places of Jeruſalem, —	13916	
For the Trade, ——	14237011	
Gold in Bars ——	252396	
Silver work'd up, ——	104914	
Brute Emeralds work'd up,	26515	Stones.
Pearls, — —	1924	
Beozar, — — —	350	lb. &c.

The following is a complete Liſt of the Ships lately arrived at Cadiz from the Spaniſh Weſt-Indies; America and Conſtante, from Carthagena; New Queen, Dragon, and St. Lewis, Men of War, from the Havannah; Europa and Caſtilla, from the South Seas; Virgin of Grace, from the Carraccas; Sacra Familia, from Vera Cruz; N.S. de los Angelos, from Havannah. Upon the whole, it is computed that the above Ships have brought Home about Thirty Millions of Piaſtres; and two other Men of War, from the Havannah, are expected at Cadiz in the Beginning of Auguſt, with upwards of nineteen Millions more.

By a Letter from Whitney, about ſeven Miles from Oxford, we have the melancholy account, that a Farmer's two Sons, going out in the Night to ſhoot ſome Deer that uſed to come out of the Foreſt to eat their Corn, one of them took the one Side of the Field, and the other the Reverſe, who happening to ſtoop to tie his Garter, occaſioned a Ruſtling among the Corn, which his Brother taking to be a Deer, diſcharged his Piece, and ſhot him dead; the Grief of which has ſo ſeized him, that he is ſince gone delirious.

By a Letter from Waltham Abbey we have an Account, that a few Days ago a Man, well dreſſed, who had fatigued himſelf with walking, laid himſelf under a Hayſtack to reſt, which, having been irregularly ſtack'd, was oblig'd to be propt, fell upon him, and buried him under it. The Farmer being informed that his Stack was fallen, ſent his Servants to raiſe it; who, after working ſome time, heard ſome body groan, and moving the Hay, diſcovered the Man juſt expiring; but being expeditiouſly carried to a Houſe, let Blood, and put to Bed, there were great Hopes of his Recovery.

A few Days ſince a Barn belonging to Mrs. Wrotten, a Gentlewoman of Hoxley, near Wolverhampton in Staffordſhire, was ſet on Fire by Lightning and entirely burnt down. There was therein a great Quantity of Corn, &c. The Damage is computed at upwards of 200 l. At the Time of the Storm, a poor Woman took Shelter under the ſaid Barn, but received no Hurt.

On Saturday laſt the Dead Warrant came to Newgate, to order Elizabeth Banks, Catherine Conway, and Margaret Hervey, for Execution on Friday next.

On Saturday laſt a Bricklayer's Apprentice fell from the Manſion Houſe and broke his Legs, fractured his Skull, and broke four of his Ribs, he was immediately carried to St. Bartholomew's Hoſpital, but died in leſs than than two Hours.

On Sunday Night an Iriſhman was committed to the Gatehouſe, Weſtminſter, by Richard Manby, Eſq; for defrauding a Cheeſemonger in the Strand, by ordering a Quantity of Bacon and Silver for a Gninea to a Gentleman's Houſe; he waiting at the Door, took it from the Man, and ſent him back for ſix Pounds of Butter, and made off; but was ſoon taken.

Monday a Man dreſſed in a white Waiſtcoat and a green Apron, went to the Top of the Monument, and flung himſelf from thence into the Street and daſhed his Brains out. There were found in his Pocket eighteen Guineas; he left his Watch with the Perſon who ſhows the Place.

Tueſday Morning one Sands, a Labourer to a Gardiner near Camberwell, was committed to the New Jail, for robbing a young Woman laſt Monday Night, near Mitcham, of her Money, &c. and attempting to raviſh her.

We hear that the Biſhop of London has given the uſe of his Chapel in his Palace in Alderſgate-ſtreet, for no other uſe than baptizing of the Children born in the Lying-in Hoſpital there; and it is ſaid they are to indemnify the Pariſhes of St. Botolph, Alderſgate, and St. Bartholomew the Great againſt any Settlement therein.

We are aſſured, that three hundred Moravian Families of the Lutheran Church, are coming over to ſettle at Cheaſea, in order to carry on a certain Manufacture, for which Purpoſe a ſuitable Piece of Ground is already provided.

Extract of a Letter from Fort St. David's, dated Oct. 6, 1749.

"I would acquaint you that there is now an Army conſiſting of two Hundred and fifty Thouſand belonging to the Great Mogul, but ſix Miles off Pondicherry, on Account of the French not long ſince going and taking Place from him; for which he ſays, that if there is as many Men in his Dominions as will drive the French out of them, he has ſworn by Mahomet his God and Prophet, he will do it.——He commands the Army himſelf."

Monday Mr. Juſtice Gundry took the Oaths and his Seat in the Court of Common Pleas, in the room of Sir Thomas Abney, deceaſed. And

On Tueſday, Mr. Baron Smith took his Place in the Court of Exchequer, as one of the Barons of the ſaid Court in the room of Mr. Baron Clark, deceaſed.

On Wedneſday Night three Perſons were taken into Cuſtody, on Suſpicion of their being the Cauſe of the Death of one Watts, a Journeyman Packer, by pouring Beer into his Ear, as he lay aſleep: and Thurſday they were brought before Mr. Alderman Chitty, the ſitting Alderman at Guildhall, when after a long Examination of ſeveral Witneſſes, and the Apothecary and Surgeon who attended the deceaſed, two of them were detained, and the other bound over to appear at the next Seſſions. And to hear the Coroner is ordered to ſit on the Body.

On Thurſday 7-Night a Gentleman was decoyed and robbed of his Watch and Money near the Brickilns at the Bottom of Gray's Inn Lane, in the following Manner. A Perſon well dreſſed met him, and, with ſeeming Surprize, ſaid a Gentleman had juſt ſhot himſelf, and called out to a Boy at a little Diſtance to ſhew him where he lay; to which they both went to the Place, the Boy led, when two other Perſons came up, one of whom held him, while the other took his Watch and Money, with which they all got clear off.

We hear that Thrift the late Hangman has certainly obtained a free Pardon, but loſt his Place as Executioner.

The great Match, on which ſo many large Wagers are depending among the Nobility, on a Wheel Carriage being drawn by four Horſes nineteen Miles within the Hour, will be determined at Newmarket in Auguſt next, on 24 Hours Notice being given, according to Agreement.

Tueſday Evening, about Half an Hour after ſix, by a terrible Clap of Thunder the Windows of two Houſes in the Broad Wall, Chriſt-church, Surry, were all broke, and a large Willow-tree thrown down and ſhattered into Splinters: A Lad who was ſtanding near the Door of one of the Houſes, was ſtruck down, but happily received no Damage thereby.

Three Horſes in a Funeral Proceſſion at Lambeth were ſtruck down.

Several Sheep were found dead on Finchley Common.

At Southwell, near Acton, a Barn full of Wheat, and three Stacks of Hay, were ſet on Fire, and burnt to the Ground.

At Weſt End, by Harrow on the Hill, a large Barn belonging to Farmer Greentree, fill'd with Corn, and Hay, was ſet on Fire, and entirely deſtroyed, together with a Dovehouſe and two Stacks of Hay: 'Twas not without the greateſt Difficulty the Dwelling Houſe was ſaved.

They write from Beauvois, that the Biſhop of that City, and the Intendant of Paris, had been attacked with the contagious Diſtemper that prevails there; but that they had been but ſlightly indiſpoſed: that on the 21ſt Inſtant N. S. it being then extremely hot, ninety five Perſons died, that ſince that Time few have been taken off; which makes People think, that the Air begins to be purified. But we hear that this Diſeaſe has ſpread as far as Beaumont upon the Oiſe, which is no more that nine Leagues from Paris, where People, however, are not very apprehenſive of it, ſeeing it has been ſeveral Times in the Provence of Picardy, which is as near Paris as Beaumont, and never reached that Metropolis.

We hear that the Determination of the great Cauſe between —— Janſſen, Eſq; and the Executors of the late John Spencer, Eſq; is poſtponed till next Term.

By the Death of Mr. Lewis Boudeau, two Places are become vacant, one of Yeoman of his Majeſty's Poultry of conſiderable Profit; the other as one of his Majeſty's Yeoman Harbingers; both in the Gift of his Grace the Duke of Marlborough, Lord Steward of his Majeſty's Houſhold.

BANKRUPTS.

Heſter Wilſon, of the Town of Shrewſbury, in the County of Salop, Widow, Grocer and Chapwoman.

William Rowe, of Clare Court, Drury-lane, in the County of Middleſex, Stay-maker.

James Real, of Helſtone, in the County of Cornwall, Haberdaſher of Small Wares and Chapman.

Joſeph Ogborn, of Bridgwater in the County of Somerſet, Whip-maker, Grocer, and Chapman.

Robert Harford, late of the City of Briſtol, Hoſier.

Mrs. Keith's Corpſe was removed from her Huſband's Houſe in May-Fair the Middle of October laſt, to an Apothecary's in South Audley Street, where ſhe lies in a Room hung with Mourning, and is to continue there till Mr. Keith can attend her Funeral. ——Several Perſons, being going to Churches and Chapels, together with many others, ſuppoſing the Marriages at May Fair New Chapel to be detrimental to their Intereſt, have made it their Buſineſs to rave and clamour, but in ſuch a Manner as not to deſerve an Anſwer, becauſe every Thing they have ſaid tends only to expoſe their own Ignorance and Malice, in the Opinion of People of good Senſe and Underſtanding.—The Way to Mr. Keith's Chapel is thro' Piccadilly, by the Eaſt of St. James's-Street, and down Clarges-Street, and turn on the Left Hand. The Marriages (together with a Licence on a Five Shilling Stamp, and Certificate) are carried on for a Guinea, as uſual, any Time 'till four in the Afternoon, by another regular Clergyman, at Mr. Keith's Little Chapel in May Fair, near Hyde-Park Corner, oppoſite the Great Chapel, and within Ten Yards of it. There is a Porch at the Door like a Country Church Porch.

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